

Re: NOISE FROM RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THE BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX
LETTER FROM MESSRS. D.Y. STEVENSON, J. WEDDELL, F.E. MURDOCH ET AL
THAT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 21, 1975 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 5k)
(Item 47, Supplementary Report No. 49, July 21, 1975)

On July 21, 1975, Council tabled, and referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for comment, a report from the Chief Public Health Inspector on the operation of model aircraft at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. Attached is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator on this matter.

It would appear from the Administrator's report that representatives of the Model Flying Club are quite sincere in having the problem resolved by strict adherence to a set of conditions that will hopefully alleviate annoyances to the satisfaction of persons living in nearby residential areas, and at the same time, allow for the continuation of their recreational hobby. It is therefore recommended that flying activities be allowed to continue on a monitored basis for a trial period to extend through the remainder of this year, with the understanding that such activity is to be undertaken to conform completely with all of the conditions that are set out in the recommendations.

Your Acting Manager is concerned about the dangers that are inherent in the flying of radio controlled aircraft and rockets from the Sports Complex. As our insurance would not cover any injury or damage resulting from an accident caused by these airborne objects, we could possibly become involved in a lawsuit because Municipal property is used as a base for such operations with specific permission from Council. It is therefore recommended that the Burnaby Radio Controlled Aero Club, and the Rocket Club as well, be required to carry adequate public liability coverage as a condition for approval to use the Sports Complex for their activities.

The Chief Public Health Inspector is prepared to conduct noise tests as would be required if Council adopts recommendation 2f.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Item 47, Supplementary Report No. 49, July 21, 1975 be lifted from the table; and
2. THAT Council authorize the continuation of the activities of the Burnaby Radio Controlled Aero Club at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex for a trial period to December 31, 1975, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. That the club strictly adhere to the terms of its constitution and all related Municipal rules and regulations;
 - b. That public liability insurance be carried by the club to cover all injuries to persons and damage to property from accidents caused by or related to the operation of club members' equipment, with the amount of such coverage to be determined by the Treasurer in consultation with our insurance broker;
 - c. That all organized flying activity by club members be confined to fields #1 and #2 during the following times:
 1. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and
 2. Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - d. That informal or unorganized flying by club members be confined to fields #1 and #2 only when the fields are not in use for other field sports, and not before either 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.;
 - e. Approval to fly aircraft to be extended only to individuals who have received authorized allotments from the Parks & Recreation Department;
 - f. That the club strictly enforce the muffling of all aircraft engines to the acceptable limits as required by the Burnaby Environmental Health Department, and that all aircraft be tested for such conformity;
 - g. That aircraft be fueled and serviced in such a way as to protect the grass field from gas spillage and other damage; and
3. THAT recommendation 2b above be extended to apply to the Rocket Club when this organization uses the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex for its activities; and
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the petitioners, the Burnaby Radio Controlled Aero Club, the Burnaby Rocket Club and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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TO: MANAGER

AUGUST 11, 1975

FROM: PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATOR

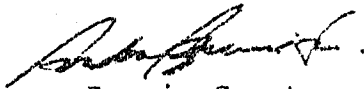
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ITEM 47, MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 49/75

The attached report was submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting of August 6, 1975.

The Commission endorsed the activities of the Burnaby Radio Controlled Aero Club subject to the Club enforcing the terms of its constitution, rules and regulations and the Burnaby Parks and Recreation regulations, for a trial period to December 31, 1975.

The Commission also approved the allotment of fields #1 and #2 for the period - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - to the Club for organized flying. They further agreed that informal flying be permitted at other times by Club members, but only when the fields are not in use for other field sports and not before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:30 p.m. Allotments will be made to individuals for this informal flying.

This report is for the information of Council.



Dennis Gaunt,
ADMINISTRATOR.

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RE: RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING
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The following report has been submitted by the Director of Recreation.

RECOMMEDATION:

1. That the Commission endorse the activities of the Burnaby Radio Controlled Aero Club subject to the Club enforcing the terms of their constitution, rules and regulations and Burnaby regulations, for a trial period to December 31, 1975.
2. That the Commission approve the allotment of fields #1 and #2 for the period - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - to the Club for organized flying. Further, that informal flying be permitted at other times, only when the fields are not in use for other field sports but not before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

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FROM: DIRECTOR OF RECREATION
SUBJECT: RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING
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The Parks and Recreation Department is faced with the problem of attempting to accommodate the flying of radio controlled aircraft in the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex, which is, to some degree, in conflict with other uses of the area for field sport and has been, without question, of considerable annoyance to the residents of the surrounding neighbourhood area.

As indicated in a previous report, the question of relocation of this activity within Burnaby has been considered and is not recommended, since it is felt it would simply transfer the problem to another location. In addition, a suitably alternate site has not been found within the Burnaby parks' system.

The remaining alternative in the search for a solution to this problem is to modify the existing conditions sufficiently to remove the objections to the model flying activities.

To this end, staff has met with representatives of the radio controlled model flying group on several occasions to develop suitable guidelines to make this activity compatible with field activity in the area and acceptable to the citizens in the surrounding neighbourhood.

The model flying group itself, has taken a very positive and realistic approach to the problem by interviewing concerned citizens in the area and by encouraging a self-policing action amongst the flyers using the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex site at this time.

The model flying group is totally appreciative of the fact that if it is to continue to fly in this area, it must meet very rigid standards which

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are outlined as follows:

1. The potential membership of the model flying group is some 60 flyers who have organized themselves, adopted a basic constitution, established conditions of membership and a set of regulations to govern their activities.
2. To restrict model flying to fields #1 and #2, south of the fieldhouse as opposed to fields #3 and #6, north of the fieldhouse (presently being used), which would remove the aircraft a considerable distance from the affected homes on Hillview Street. Flying over parking lots, tennis courts, spectator area and roadways would not be permitted.

Further, the aircraft would be flown over Burnaby Lake and the Lower Mainland of B.C. Gun Club and not over the playing fields except for landing and take-off.

3. That organized flying be permitted on an allotment basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., and Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This time is presently allotted to the Burnaby Model Rocket Club who is willing to associate with the model flying group.

Unorganized flying would be permitted in this location at other times when the fields are not in use by field sport teams but not before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m., any given day.

4. The group is prepared to strictly enforce the muffling of all aircraft engines to the acceptable limit as required by the Burnaby Environmental Health Department and is willing to subject all aircraft to be tested for such conformity.
5. Aircraft must be fuelled and serviced in such a way as to protect the grass field from gas spillage etc.

The model flying group is sincere in its attempt to organize and police model flying in the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex and in order to do so, requires the recognition and support of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Staff would recommend the following:

1. That the Commission endorse the activities of the Burnaby Radio Controlled Aero Club subject to the Club enforcing the terms of their constitution, rules and regulations and Burnaby regulations, for a trial period to December 31, 1975.
2. That the Commission approve the allotment of fields #1 and #2 for the period - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - to the Club for organized flying. Further, that informal flying be permitted at other times, only when the fields are not in use for other field sports but not before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

NOTE:- It would be the intention of staff to make allotments to model flyers on an individual basis to ensure that each member and the equipment being used meets the required standards and that the individual is prepared to live up to the regulations as set down by the Club and by the Burnaby departments concerned. Only individuals with authorized allotments would be permitted to fly their aircraft in the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex area.